

# Open Textbooks: A Path to Student Success

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# Students have a lot of expenses...

- Clothing
- Food
- Housing
- Insurance
- School Supplies
- Technology
- Textbooks
- Transportation
- Tuition
- Utilities

There is one  
expense *you* can  
eliminate.

# Textbooks.

Open textbooks are the solution to  
high textbook costs.

# Open textbooks are free! Free to

- Retain
- Revise
- Remix
- Reuse
- Redistribute

# Why OER?

- Quality content
  - Immediate and ongoing access to course materials
  - Free, no contract
  - Customizable
  - Enable open pedagogy
  - Data privacy
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And studies  
suggest open  
textbooks improve  
student success

# OER Adoption at SUNY Oswego

- Spring 2025: 54 sections impacting 1,346 students across all schools/colleges
- Fall 2024: 75 sections impacting 2,092 students across all schools/colleges
- GST 104 adopted OER text in Fall 2023
- COM 211 piloted OER in AY 2023 and fully adopted OER in Fall 2024

# OER Examples

- [COM 211 textbook](#)
- [GST 104 textbook](#)
- [Education textbook](#)

# Library Support for OERs

- Consultations, workshops & educational sessions
  - Guidance on best practices & Creative Commons licensing
  - Identifying & evaluating:
    - OER textbooks and learning materials
    - Publishing platforms & repositories
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# Library OER Guide

[Open Educational Resources Guide](#)



**Thank you!**